

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

BILLY JOHN ROBERSON,
Petitioner,

vs.

NATHANIEL QUARTERMAN, Director
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Correctional Institutions Division
Respondent.

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No. 3-07-CV-0339-B

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY

A Notice of Appeal has been filed in the above captioned action in which:

- (X) the District Court has entered a final order denying four motions, construed together as a motion for reconsideration, in a habeas corpus proceeding brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.
- () the District Court has entered a final order in a proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22(b) and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), the undersigned Magistrate Judge recommends as follows:

IFP STATUS:

- (X) the party appealing should be GRANTED leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.
- () the party appealing is proceeding *in forma pauperis*.
- () the party appealing should be DENIED leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* for the following reason(s):
 - () the Court recommends that the District Court certify, pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 24(a) and 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that the appeal is not taken in good faith;
 - () the person appealing is not a pauper because he has paid the appellate filing fee;
 - () the person appealing has not complied with the requirements of Rule 24 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) as ordered by the Court. (See Notice of Deficiency and Order entered on _____).

COA:

- () a Certificate of Appealability should be GRANTED. (See issues set forth below).
- (X) a Certificate of Appealability should be DENIED. (See reasons stated below).

REASONS FOR DENIAL: For the reasons stated in the Findings and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge, filed on September 18, 2007, which were adopted by the District Court on December 13, 2007, and referenced by the court's order, filed on July 11, 2008, denying the motion for reconsideration, the Petitioner has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right. *See Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 480-81, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 1602, 146 L.Ed.2d 542 (2000).

SIGNED this 19th day of September, 2008.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE